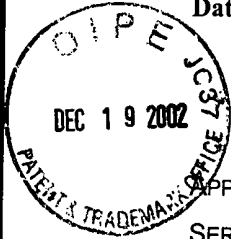


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In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2002 ("Office Action"), Applicants elect the species "gastroesophageal reflux disease". Claims 1-5 and 8-13 read on the elected species.

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph at page 1, line 1 with the following:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application claims priority to USSN 09/545,627, filed April 7, 2000, which in turn claims priority to USSN 60/129,421, filed April 15, 1999. The contents of these applications are incorporated by reference in their entireties.
